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In re application of Docket No: Q84781 Chika IRI, et al. Group Art Unit: 3635 Appln. No.: 10/516,462 Confirmation No.: 2867 Examiner: Jessica L. Laux Filed: December 3, 2004 STEEL FRAMED BUILDING AND JOINT STRUCTURE BETWEEN COLUMN AND For: BEAM AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS......2 REMARKS......5